

SECTION 3.02 QUALIFICATIONS

Each candidate for election to the City Council or office of Mayor shall be a qualified voter of the City, shall be not less than eighteen (18) years of age on the date of filing, shall have resided in the City not less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of filing and shall meet the requirements of the Texas Election Code. Each Council Member and the Mayor must continually reside within the City during his/her term of office, and any removal of his/her residence from the City during his/her term of office shall constitute a vacancy of his/her office, and such vacancy shall be filled as provided in Section 3.03.

Removal from residence during a term of office shall be presumed in the event that a Council Member or the Mayor is absent from more than three consecutive regular Council meetings, or it is found that a Council Member or the Mayor has changed the location of his or her voter registration or homestead exemption for ad valorem tax purposes from within the City to a location outside the City during his or her term of office. Such presumption may be rebutted by a showing that such absence or change was excused by the Council or was due to urgent circumstances beyond the control of the Council Member or Mayor and that it is the Council Member's or Mayor's bona fide intent to continue to be a resident of the City.

No candidate may file in a single election for more than one (1) office or position as provided by this Charter. No employee of the City shall remain an employee of the City after filing for a seat on the City Council or the office of Mayor. Such filing shall constitute a voluntary resignation.

The position of an elected Mayor or Council Member shall become vacant when the person holding such office is elected to another elective public office.

The City Council is the final judge of all elections and the qualifications of its members and of any other elected officials of the City.